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BOOKMAKERS SHOW FIGHT.

SYNDICATE REFUSES TO PAY FEES

AT BELMONT PARK, All Because Non-Members Get Places in

'Front Line"-Mets Resent Plan to Declare an Open Ring Will Attack the Law if There Is No Compromise.

Unless all signs fail there will be a bitter fight to a finish between the bookmakers syndicate, otherwise known as the Metropolitan Turf Association, and the owners of the various racetracks operating under the jurisdiction of the Jockey Club. Matters reached such a crisis yesterday that the leading members of the syndicate said last night that at a special meeting of the Mets to-day a resolution would probably be passed setting aside a fund of \$200,000 to make a test case of the legality of the statute under which betting is carried on inside the race tracks. Furthermore, members of the syndicate were quoted as saying that if the track managers persisted in making open warfare upon them, such as was begun yesterday, it would not be long before racing would be killed in this State From what could be learned last night, the race tracks have decided to stand firm, no matter what the consequences may be so that indications of serious trouble seen to be cropping up on all sides.

The bookmakers' syndicate intends to fight for alleged rights on the line that there collusion between the betting ring and the Jockey Club, which has steadily refused to take official cognizance of speculation in any form, and if this can be proven the syndicate believes that the tracks will be compelled to close their gates.

The trouble reached a crisis yesterday as foreshadowed in THE SUN. Following the announcement made by the turf governors to George Wheelock, president of the Mets, at a conference held Friday night, to the effect that the syndicate would have to be represented each day in the ring ly eighty members, came real action before the first race, when the Mets had taken their stools. There were seventy-seven members in line at the time and business was under way, when suddenly a Pinkerton man appeared on the scene and placed three bookmakers not regular members of the syndicate in the vacant places in

the front line.
C. Morrison was located between Sol Lichtenstein and George Levy William Gargan was placed next W. J. Reardon, while Robert Tebo was directed to do busi ness at a stand next to that of Orlando Tebo and Gargan's partner, W. J. Topis, are former members of the Mets. All three of these books had been operating in the back line, although perfectly re sponsible, for the reason that they did not hold syndicate membership buttons, which under the circumstances are not worth a penny now, although some of them cost as much as \$5,000. John Cavanagh vouched for the trio, who proceeded to make book under the privileges always

enjoyed by the syndicate.
As soon as this move had been made the Meta were up in arms. They had been warned that something of the kind would happen, but they were not altogether prepared for it There was a hurried meeting of the leaders, Wheelock, Jones, Heaney and others, in the middle of the ring after the first race. As a result of conference the syndicate decided to take immediate action, in the shape of a refusal to pay the usual fee of \$57 each for ring privileges. This information was carried to a representative of the track who usually accepts this money, but the syndicate was permitted to conduct its siness unmolested. The placing of the three non-members in the "front line" was a move that practically declared the ging open, with equal privileges for all, and that was the reason why the syndicate decided to show fight. It was also decided to continue on this line, with the exception that at to-day's meeting a plan will be advocated by the leaders of the syndicate to keep out of the betting ring altogether to-morrow and to make book anywhere

within the grounds of the racetrack. If this move is made it will but the matter right up to the turf governors, or rather racetrack managers. Just what action the latter will resort to under the circumstances is more conjecture, but it was said last night that in all probability the badges of the members of the syndicate would be confiscated, while the Pinkertons would receive orders to suppress all persons guilty of disorderly conduct. In other words, it is presumed that the racetrack managers will reserve the right to say who shall make book on their premises and who shall be prevented from operating But, on the other hand, the syndicate will set forth the argument that such action on the part of the racetrack manager would be a virtual recognition of betting A man who is conversant, with the inside of the present critical situation said last

night: / While the Mets have been paying a fee each day to operate in the ring, it has been voluntary on their part. Nobody has been compelled to pay a cent for the so-called privileges, but the fees collected have simply covered the cost of admission badges and other incidental expenses. If Mets persist in refusing to pay this fee the badges will be taken up and measures will be resorted to with the idea of keeping the ring and track free from objectionable persons. There is a public demand for an open ring. The Mets have been running things with a free hand, but there are too many reputable bookmakers willing to operate here for the present game of freezeout to be continued. In the West and South syndicates are not tolerated. The books pay anywhere from \$100 to \$150 a day apiece for the privilege of doing busihess on an equal basis, while here the Mets, who pay a fee of \$57 each, want to hog things and keep all other competitors out in the cold. The closing down of the Western tracks will send many big bookmakers East, but they will not be allowed to have the same privileges enjoyed by the Mets unless the latter are forced to give way. There has been no intention to injure anybody, but the track managers believe that the public wishes an open ring, which means broader methods in the laying of prices. The courts have already decided the legality of the betting law. A man who oses a bet on a horserace can recover the money through a civil suit. The poolrooms have tried to smash the law in vain, and that ought to be a cure for the bookma era who are looking for trouble.

Several conservative sporting men who are friends of the syndicate are inclined to the belief that at to-day's meeting there

legal lines would serve to put the book- PRESIDENT BACK FROM HUNT, makers in an odd predicamen

"Such a move," said a leading sporting man, "would simply be an admission on the part of the books that they have been violating the law. They have much at stake, and a closing of the racetracks would be a hard blow to many of them, especially in view of the general shutdown in Chicago, St. Louis and other Western cities. Also it must be remembered that the public has something to say, and that any attempt to burt the racing game would

prove decidedly unpopular." The present trouble started during the Aqueduct meeting, when the syndicate tried to oust John Cavanagh from his place in the betting ring by setting up the Adler brothers in the business of supplying the books with information as to jockeys, overweights, scratches and general details for which Cavanagh had been receiving \$1.50 a day for each book. The wrangle was settled at a conference between Wheelock, representating the Mets, Cavanagh and several turf governors, by which in future Cavanagh was to receive \$1 a day, while the extra 50 cents was to go to the fund for disabled jockeys. This incident, however, brought about a public clamor for an open ring and a suppression of the methods of the syndicate, which are well known to racegoers. As a result the Mets have been in anything but a pleasant frame of mind since, and when they found themselves up against another proposition yesterday, they decided that the time for retaliation had arrived.

"This fight has been forced upon the 'Mets.'" said a member last night, "and it will go to a finish. The racetracks have gone too far and there will be a pretty row unless a compromise is effected quickly If the Mets should decide to make book on Monday on the lawn in front of the grand stand and the Pinkertons should eject them on the ground that they are disorderly characters, they would immediately go to the courts and apply for a permanent injunction restraining the track managers from interfering with their business as onducted under the law. You can bet that the Mets will fight, and it will not be surprising if they retain some big law firm on Monday to look out for their rights. They have plenty of money in addition to an emergency fund of \$200,000, and they do not intend to get the worst of this unpleasant controversy.

It is expected that every member of the syndicate, nearly 200 in all, will attend today's conference. There were several informal confabs last night, with an attempt to get a consensus of opinion. Some of the members declared that if the track managers would consent the syndicate might agree to have eighty regular books in line at the big tracks-Belmont Park, Gravesend, Sheepshead Bay and Brighton-with a smaller number at the others

DIED IN WALDORF CAFE. Virgil P. Humason Sat Lifeless in His Chair

When a Doctor Came. Virgil P. Humason, treasurer of the Humason & Beckley Manufacturing Com-pany, went into 'e café of the Waldorf at 4 o'clock yest whay afternoon and hur-ried to a chair. Walling a waiter, he said:

"Get a doctor as quick as you can. am very ill. I am afraid I am going to die. The waiter went for Dr. Adams of 6 East Thirty-fourth street. The police parade was passing and it took some five minutes to get through the crowd. When he got back with the doctor Mr. Humason was dead, supported in his chair by two or ers. Death was apparently due to heart discase.

The body was removed to an undertaker's and will be taken to Yonkers this

morning. Mr. Humason was one of the founders of the Hardware Club of New York and a member of many other clubs and societies. He was interested in a number of manufacturing companies, but found time to study law, and some years ago was admitted to the bar. His wife, two sons and three daughters survive him. One daughter is the wife of Paul S. Wilcox, secretary of the Corbin Motor Vehicle Company, and another is the wife of Henry P. Jones of the Westinghouse Electric Manufacturing Com-

CRUISER ST. LOUIS LAUNCHED. Miss Gladys Smith Names the New Ship. Which Is 75 Per Cent. Completed.

PHILADELPHIA Pa., May 6 .- The proected cruiser St. Louis was launched at high water this afternoon from Neafle & Levy's shipyard on the Delaware. Miss Gladys Bryan Smith of St. Louis christened the ship. The St. Louis was 75 per cent. completed when she left the ways.

There were any number of Missourlans at the launching, which went off without a mishap. Miss Smith was chosen by Mayor Rolla Wells to name the cruiser. Her father was special commissioner to Japan of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition Com-

Mayor Wells of St. Louis, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Smith, father and mother of the sponsor; Mr. and Mrs. George M. Wright, nator Cameron of Missouri, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Huttig, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Ridgely, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Bascom, Capt. Melville J. Shaw, U. S. M. C., and C. C. Curtice, representing the Vandalia lines, all from Missouri, were also in the launch-

The St. Louis is a sister ship of the Milwaukee, now being built at San Francisco, and the Charleston, being constructed at wport News. Her contract requires 22 knots speed for six consecutive hours. Her dimensions are 424 feet in length, 22 feet 6 inchés draft, extreme beam feet, displacement 9,700 tons.

ACTOR DROPS DEAD SINGING. Charles Arnold, London Manager, Expires at Savage Club Dinner.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUR LONDON, May 6.-Charles Arnold, well known actor-manager, died suddenly to-night at the Savage Club, which is famous for its Saturday night dinners, while singing a song of his own composition entitled, "We Take Off Our Hats to the

There was an unusually large gathering present. Mr. Arnold had sung one song and was rendering the one referred to in response to enthusiastic demands, when he fell dead. The evening's feetivities were brought to a sudden close. Mr. Arnold was educated in New York, where he began life as a clerk in the office of the late Dorman B. Eaton. He succeeded in serving a subjects on Jim Fisk when others had failed.

DEWET'S PORT WEND AND GRAPE JUICE

RETERNS TO GLENWOOD IN THE BEST OF HEALTH.

Rides All the Way In, 50 Miles, 6ver Dangerous Roads and Trails-Brings In Fore Rear Pelts-Party Got Ten All Told-Itinerary of the Return Trip

GLENWOOD SPRINGS, Colo., May 6 .resident Roosevelt returned to civilization to-day over the mountain route. He brought back with him the pelts of four bears and two bobcats, a deep tan that will take days to wear off and an appetite that is simply marvelous. The President arrived at Glenwood Springs at 8:30 o'clock this afternoon, having been in the saddle since early morning. The ride was tedious and at times difficult, and for an ordinary man it would have been hazardous. Mr. Roosevelt and his companions covered a distance of more than fifty miles over the mountains, along winding trails and through stretches of road that were little better than mud puddles.

But the President was happy and satisfied. He got the essentials of the trip, a success ful hunt and a long rest.

"We have had great luck-ten bear and four bobcats. We certainly enjoyed ourselves," he said to the party of horsemen that rode out to meet him.

Mr. Roosevelt was accompanied on his long ride from the camp in West Divide by Dr. Lambert of New York and Philip Stewart of Colorado Springs, both personal friends and his companions at the chass. The pack train, in charge of Guides Jake Borah and John Goff, followed about two miles behind. Despite the strenuous exercise of the last three weeks, the President did not complain of fatigue when he reached Glenwood. Instead he made ready for a busy afternoon.

He went to the vapor baths accompanied by Dr. Lambert and Mr. Stewart and then took luncheon. At 6:30 he delivered an address to the villagers from a stand erected in the hotel park. After that came dinner, which was served in the banquet room of the hotel Colorado. The President spent the evening with Secretary Loeb going over affairs of state and retired early. In the morning he will attend services at the Presbyterian church and in the afternoon will talk to the school children of Glenwood.

In his speech this afternoon the President thanked the people of Colorado for his three weeks vacation in the State. He said that he found the bears all right, both in quality and quantity, and concluded with some remarks on the subject of ir-

rigation. "It is a great pleasure to me to come here and say a word of greeting to you, and, Mr. Mayor, let me take this first chance of thanking the people of Colorado for a three weeks holiday that I can assure them I have enjoyed to the full," he said. found the bears all right in quality and in quantity. I have been out with a first class type of Colorado citizen in that of Jake Borah and John Goff."

It was a picturesque trio that rounded a curve in the mountain road in sight of the crowd that went out to meet the President. Mr. Roosevelt was dressed in a dark brown duck suit. He wore rough leggins that were held in place by twine. On his head he sported the old gray hat that has seen service on like journeys before. He and his companions were bespattered

with mud from head to foot. The President's mount was the white stallion that he rode into the mountains three weeks ago and the one that he used whenever possible on the hunt. The animal is normally a milky white, but to-day he was transformed by the Colorado mud into a dirty yellow. He didn't look worth his feed, but the President said he was surefooted, speedy and that he was the

mount for the occasion. The lonesome highway of this morning between New Castle and Glenwood was transformed this afternoon into a populous thoroughfare. Everybody who could be spared in the surrounding country took a holiday. The wealthy ranch owners, the mountaineer, the cowboy and the cowgirl, as well as the village folks from Glenwood. Rifle. Aspen and other places in this vicinity were on hand to cheer the President on his The chief executive was pleased WAY. with the greeting and was most cordial

in acknowledging it. At the Hotel Colorado the President was received by at least 1,000 people, a tremendous crowd for these parts.

The Presidential party has been more successful than any band of hunters that has gone into the big game country of Colorado so far this season. Ten bears and four bobcats are the result. Four of the finest bears were brought down by Mr. Roosevelt. Mr. Roosevelt is in fine health. He had a slight attack of mountain fever last week, which gave rise to the

reports that he was seriously ill. For the first two weeks of their stay in the Rockies the party was favored with ideal weather. Last week heavy weather set in and rain and snow prevented any sport the better part of the time.

The Presidential special will pull out of Glenwood Springs promptly at 5 o'clock on Monday morning. The itinerary for the return trip is as follows:

Over Denver and Rio Grande railroad-Arrive Pueblo, Col., 1:45 P. M.; leave 1:50; arrive Colorado Springs, Col., 3:02, leave 3:05; arrive at Denver at 5:30 P. M. Tuesday, May 9, over Union Pacific Railroad. leave Denver (mountain time), 7 A. M. arrive North Platte, Neb., 2 P. M., leave (Central time) 3:10 P. M.; arrive Grand Island, Neb., 6:25 P. M., leave 6:30 P. M. arrive Fremont, Neb., 9 P. M.; arrive Omaha, 10:20 P. M., over Chicago and M. M. Railway, leave 10:30 P. M.; arrive Council Bluffs, Ia., 10:45 P. M., Wednesday May 10; arrive Cedar Rapids, Ia., 6 P. M. May 10; arrive Cedar Rapids, ia., 6 P. M.; arrive Clinton, Ia., 8 A. M.; arrive Sterling, Ill., 8:55 A. M.; arrive Chicago, 12 noon. Over Pennsylvania lines—Leave Chicago, 12 midnight, Thursday, May 11; arrive Pittsburg, Pa. (Central time), 2 P. M., leave Pittsburg (Eastern time), 3:15 P. M., Friday, May 12; arrive Washington, D. C., 3 A. M.

BRITISH ELECTION NEAR?

London Paper Says the Government Will

Go to the Country Five Weeks Hence. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, May 7 .- The Weekly Diepatch says there is excellent authority for the statement that there will be a general election five weeks hence.

Latest Marine Intelligence. Arrived: Sa Monroe, Norfolk, May &

Answering your inquiry: Yes, the best way go to Buffale and Ningara Palis is by the New Yo Central. Why? Because over its six tracks the are it tuins a day; hee at mileage tichets.—Ad.

H. W. OLIVER LEFT \$40,000,000. Pittsburg Man Was a Bankrupt 15 Years

Ago-Fortune Surprises Friends. PITTSEURO, Pa., May 6 .- The executors of the estate of the late Henry W. Oliver of Pittsburg filed a partial accounting here to-day, and the figures proved a surprise as they show that Mr. Oliver was one of the wealthiest of Pittsburg's men.

The statement filed deals only with hi personal property and does not touch his mmense real estate holdings in this city and in the East, an item which in itself is expected to amount to more than his bonds, stocks and cash accounts. Mr. Oliver was one of the largest real estate holders in Pittsburg. It is now thought that his estate will reach \$40,000,000. The statement filed to-day shows that the executors credit themselves with \$18,433,573, exclusive of the real estate. Settlements have been made out of this until it is reduced to \$14,-253.819.61.

A remarkable feature of the great wealth left by Mr. Oliver is that fifteen years ago he was a bankrupt, left practically without a penny. Yet he set to work to build up another fortune, and said he would be many times a millionaire if he lived ten years more. It was at this time that he took up the Mesaba Range idea in ores, and he stuck to it in spite of the scoldings of friends, who said he was again wrecking his prospects. Years later he sold part of his holdings to Andrew Carnegie for many millions, and from that time he continued

CAPT. HOBSON TO MARRY. Will Wed Miss Grizelda Houston Hull of

Tuxedo on May 25. Announcement was made yesterday of the engagement of Capt. Richmond Pearson Hobson, who distinguished himself at Santiago, to Miss Grizelda Houston Hull, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Hull of Tuxedo Park, N. Y. On account of the recent death of Capt. Hobson's father, the wedding, which has been set for May 25, will be very quietly cele rated at the home of the bride's parents. The couple will make their home at the old Hobson homestead, Magnolia Grove, Greensboro, Ala.

George H. Hull, father of the bride to be, is president of several iron companies and has offices at 44 Wall street. Miss Hull is a grandniece of former Gov. Houston of Alabama, and it is a curious coincidence that he appointed Capt. Hobson's father, Judge James M. Hobson, th n a young lawyer, to fill a vacancy on the bench of Alabama.

The ancestors of both Miss Hull and her fiancé were personally associated in the South, where Capt. Hobson's forefathers, the Hobsons, Pearsons, Moreheads, Whites and Williamses, joined in laying the foundations of North Carolina, Tennessee and Alabama with the Polks, Houstons, Longs Joneses and Eatons, from whom Miss Hull is descended through her mother, Lucia Houston, daughter of Judge Russell Houston of K ntucky.

SHEVLIN'S AUTO BEAT TRAIN In Bace From New Haven to Meriden -Warrant Out for His Arrest.

MERIDEN. Conn., May 6 .- A warrant was issued this afternoon for the arrest of Thomas Shevlin, Jr., captain of the Yale football team. He is charged with exceeding the speed limit in his automobile on Cook avenue on Thursday and Friday nights. Two witnesses say that the machine n on Cook avenue was going at a frightful rate of speed-faster than any automobile they ever saw before.

Shevlin has a French automobile valued at \$15,500. On Thursday afternoon he and four friends started out from New Haven and raced the train which arrived here at 6.20 o'clock from New Haven. The auto beat the train, arriving just before the express pulled in.

Last evening there was another race, and the auto came in ahead once more It is stated that Shevlin shook hands with the engineer and told him that he was going to beat him into Hartford from this The car started off toward the capital city and returned through Meriden about 9 o'clock. Mayor Seeley, Chief of Police Van Nostrand and other officials are considerably interested in the matter, as they consider Shevlin's act the most flagrant violation of the speed law that has been attempted here.

TO TRY JUSTICE HOOKER. The Extra Session of the Legislature May Be Called for Monday, June 12.

ALBANY, May 6 .- The Republican leaders have about decided with Gov. Higgins that the extra session of the Legislature which is to consider the charges against Supreme Court Justice Warren B. Hooker should be called for Monday, June 12. It is the expectation that a recess may be needed mmediately after the convening of the extraordinary session in order to give Justice Hooker and his counsel an oppor-

tunity to answer. It was asserted to-day that Frank S. Black is to be associated with the other counsel of Justice Hooker in his defence before the Legislature. Mr. Black became intimately acquainted with Justice Hooker when the two were Representatives at Washington and members of the famous Tape-

worm Club. Gov. Higgins not long ago recommended that the Legislature pass a bill authorizing him to appoint a commission to examine into the operations of the present tax laws and as to whether they are equitable or not, and to report any changes or suggestions for new schemes of taxation to the next Legislature. The Assembly passed such a bill, but it was lost in the shuffle during the closing days of the Senate session.

In addition to the Hooker matter the Legislature in extra session in June will be asked to consider this question. So far as decided these will be the only two questions acted upon at the June session, which is expected to last four or five weeks.

FOR SCHOOL ATHLETICS.

Herman A. Metz Piedges 85,000 Toward the Purchase of a Field in Brooklyn. Herman A. Metz, president of the Kings County Democratic Club, has agreed to conribute \$5,000 toward a fund for the purchase in Brooklyn of a field for outdoor athletic games among the undergraduate pupils of the schools of that borough. Dr. Luther Halsey Gulick, physical director of the whole city, is working toward the pur-chase of such a field in each borough. He proposes to have the necessary money raised by appropriations from the Beard of Edu-cation and private contributions.

GROUP OF SMALL POX CASES

EARLY ONES HAD BEEN TREATED AS CASES OF MEASLES.

Board of Health Now Has Charge-One Boy Down With the Disease Has Been Attending School 15 in Third Ave. Brooklyn-First Case That of N. F. Cochran. The death of Miss Alma S. Hotchkiss,

46 years old, of 283 State street, Brooklyn, yesterday afternoon, after four days of liness with smallpox, disclosed a condition of which the Health Board had no previous knowledge. It is feared the disease may spread through the pupils of Public School 15, State street and Third avenue, where a boy, Cecil O'Donnell, 14 years old, another nmate of the house, was an attendant. Soon after the death of Miss Hotchkiss

rumor was circulated that a double suicide had occurred in the house. The police were sent to investigate, and two reporters hurried there ahead of them. The reporters had gained access to the house, and before the police arrived had learned of the smallpox. The police learned that two persons

had died in the house within two weeks

of smallpox, that another woman was then

dying of the disease in the house and that the boy O'Donnell was also down with the disease. A quarantine was immediately established by the police, none of the inmates being allowed to leave the premises and none permitted to enter. Patrolman Frank Carberry of the Adams street station, who had entered the building was detained within by the representatives

of the Health Board, who had arrived in the meantime, and was not allowed to leave until he had been vaccinated. It was ascertained that on April 9 Norman T. Cochran, 23 years old, vice-president of the Amateur Baseball Managers' Association and manager of the Eagle Athletic Association, was taken sick. He was in business at 1 Broadway, Manhattan, where he kept typewriter supplies.

On Easter Sunday Cochran died. During his illness young O'Donnell sat with Cochran each afternoon after school and read to him. He often stayed with him in the evenings as well, awaiting the return of the sick man's brother, who roomed with him.

Dr. Dennison pronounced the case one of

Mise Hotchkiss helped in the nursing of the sick man and soon after his death she was herself taken ill. She was cared for by Mrs. Elderca Muller, 25 years old, who boarded in the house with her two-year-old daughter Cassie. Five days ago Mrs. Muller was taken ill, and one day later the O'Donnell boy, who is the son of a wealthy Costa Rica planter attending school here, was taken down.

All this time the physician in attendance Dr. D. P. Humpstone, was treating his patients for measles. Yesterday morning he notified the Health Board that he did not like the looks of his patients and that he had become suspicious of the disease and asked that a diagnostician be sent to the house.

This was done, and it was declared to be smallpox that had attacked the household. Word was sent to the Kingston avenue hospital, but the ambulance did not arrive until after the death of Miss Hotchkiss.

The O'Donnell boy was taken away at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, but for some reason Mrs. Muller was not removed until later in the evening, when Dr. Sylvester J. Byrne, head of the contagious disease bureau, took hold of the cas

Subsequently, the body of Miss Hotchkiss, which had been allowed to remain in the house for hours after her death, was removed to the Kingston avenue institution., where it will be placed in a coffin and hermetically sealed for burial. The house was then furnigated and all the inmates, five in number, vaccinated by doctors from the Health Board.

The news that smallpox had been found in the neighborhood created great excitement in the many boarding houses in the vicinity.

Undertaker Moore of 69 Pennsylvania avenue, who buried the young man Cochran two weeks ago, was summoned to perthe arrangements for the barial of Miss Hotchkiss yesterday afternoon.

He arrived at 6 o'clock, and when he learned of the cause of death left without entering the house, saying that his assistant who had laid out the body of Cochran was sick and he feared that he might have smallpox.

WOMAN LAYING BIG PIPES. Vittoria Luigi Superintends a Gang of Men

-Popular With Them. PATERSON, N. J., May 6 .- Vittoria Luigi, 30 years old, an Italian woman, is in charge of the thirty-five Italian laborers who are laying the pipes at Butler for the new waterworks there. Hundreds of persons have stopped and watched her directing the work of excavating the ditch and laying the pipe, and it is the general opinion that she gets more out of the workmen than a man foreman would get.

Miss Luigi discusses her work reluctantly, but says there is nothing strange about it. She likes the work, and it is said that the men would make objection if she were

WOULDN'T BETRAY BRANDEGEE. Fessenden Could Have Become Senator

by Going Back on His Friend. STAMFORD, Conn., May 6 .- The Hon.

Samuel Fessenden could have been elected United States Senator to succeed the late Senator Platt on Thursday if he had de-serted his friend Congressman Brandegee. The effort to get Mr. Fessenden to throw over his friend was made after the thirtieth ballot by those who were directing the forces of ex-Gov. McLean. The McLean people declared that they could carry out their part of the program if Mr. Fessenden would assent. The offer meant the realizauld carry out would assent. The offer meant the realization of the hope of Fessenden's political life, but Fessenden was determined to land Brandegee in the United States Senate, and would listen to no suggestions that would divert him from this purpose.

"What kind of a man do they take me for anyway, to think that I am capable of deserting Frank Brandegee after I gave my promise of support to him? Do they think I'm a scullion?" he said when seen by a Sun reporter.

a Sun reporter.

A Notable Feature of the Farewell Banquet to Ambassador Cheate. At the banquet given to the Hon. Joseph H. Choate by the Bench and Bar of England upon his recent retirement from the Ambassadorship, G. H. Mumm & Co.'s was

The banquet was one of the most brilliant and notable functions of recent times, and the exclusive use of G. H. Mumm's Champagne shows the unique and distinguished position which that wine occupies among the ellipset Great Britain Act.

CHAMBERLAIN BREAKS DOWN. Struggled Through Speech With Difficulty and Then Was Prostrated.

Special Cable Despatch to TRB SUN. LONDON, May 6.-It may be remembered that THE SUN some time ago announced the fact that Joseph Chamberlain had a slight stroke in Egypt, which necessitated long periods of abstention from work, much against the former Colonial Secretary's will

He has apparently recently transgressed the limits of his strength, for after his speech at Birmingham last night he was in a state of prostration and to-day was obliged to cancel all his engagements.

It was noticeable during his speech last night that there was no fire or energy in his delivery and he constantly lost the thread of his argument. He commenced sentences which he finished tamely or left unfinished. Many times he had to be prompted by his wife, who, as has often been noticed, seemed to be thoroughly cognizant of the contents of his notes and frequently gave him the word which he could not hit upon. Mr. Chamberlain's appearance last might caused deep concern to his personal friends.

JOB FOR A ROOSEVELT GUIDE. The President Appoints Abernathy a

Deputy U. S. Marshal for Oklahema. LAWTON, Okla., May 6 .- Unsolicited on his part, John Abernathy, the cowboy wolf catcher who hunted with President Roosevelt in the Kiowa-Comanche pasture reservation of Oklahoma last month, received to-day from Washington his commi appointing him Deputy United States Marshal in Oklahoma. The appointment was made by the President. Abernathy was reared on a cow ranch in the Panhandle. This is his first office

PACKERS READY FOR ARREST. Some of Them Have Already Secured Bends and Await Indictment.

CHICAGO, May 6.-Arrangements have been made by certain packers and sausage casing dealers to give bonds through a New York surety company as soon as indictments are returned against them by the Federal Grand Jury. This announcement was made after a conference between the District Attorney and Attorneys John S. Miller and Eugene E. Prussing. No indictments are to be returned, it was de clared positively, until the Grand Jury completes its work.

ITALY TO HAVE NEW NAVY. Reorganization Scheme Afoot to Extend Over Four Years.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN ROME, May 6 .- The Messagero says that the Minister of the Treasury has privately promised the Minister of Marine to furnish means for the reorganization of the navy, the expenditures to be spread over a term of feur years.

An official reorganization scheme will be rebmitted to the Parliament in November. BOUNCING LITTLE GIRL.

Falls Four Stories, Lands on a Man's Arm, Rebounds Unburt. Five-year-old Irene Rickert, who lives with her parents on the fifth floor of the stories through the well of a fire escape

at the rear of the house yesterday after John Hayes was lying at a window on the first floor, with his arm stretched out on the fire escape platform. The child hit squarely on his arm and bounded over

against his body, without a stratch on her. The little girl's grandmother was ironing up in the Rickert flat. In her excitement she dropped the iron down the well, and it missed Hayes's head by the fraction of an

TEN BANKERS IN ONE JAIL. Enough of Them in Columbus Penitentiary to Do All the Clerical Work.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, May 6 .- A. B. Spear, late cashier of the Oberlin Bank, which Cassie Chadwick swindled, was received at the penitentiary this morning to enter upon his seven years term. He brought with him a letter from District Attorney John J. ullivan in which the official requested Warden Gould to give the prisoner clerical

work. Spear took his imprisonment with rare good humor and laughed and joked with the officials. Because there are now ten bankers in the penitentiary, all of whom have been assigned to clerical work, it is not likely that Spear will got an easy task at

once. CAN EXPEL PRINCESS LOUISE. She Renounces Her Saxon Citizenship. but Gets an Allowance.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. BERLIN, May 6 .- The Lokal Anxeiger says that an agreement has been reached between the King of Saxony and the Countees Montiznosa, formerly the Crown Princess Louise of Saxony, under which the King allows her \$7,500 a year and she renounced her Saxon citizenship

This will enable the authorities to expel her legally if she enters Saxony. She will keep her youngest child for a certain time and will be allowed to visit her other children.

MRS. BALLINGTON BOOTH ILL. Has Combination of Grip and Tonstilltis -Rest Needed.

Mrs. Ballington Booth, the wife of the ommander of the Volunteers of America, s ill at her home in Montclair with grip and tonsillitis. Mrs. Booth was taken ill on Friday morning and by evening the ton-sillitis had developed and her temperature rose to 102. The family physician, Dr. Newton, was called, and he said that, while Mrs. Booth was not dangerously ill, it was

necessary that she have absolute quiet and several days rest. Mrs. Booth was to have spoken twice Mrs. Booth was to have spoken twice to-day in Pittsburg, but her physician insisted that the engagements be cancelled. This is the first time that Mrs. Booth has failed to keep a speaking engagement in ten years. She hopes to be able to attend the anniversary of the Prison League, which begins at Sing Sing Prison, at Ossining, on Friday, May 10. Commander Booth will deliver the opening address, and on the following Sunday Mrs. Booth and Mrs. E. A. Modipin, wife of Gen. Modipin of Ossining, will make addresses.

Chas. F. Murphy Starts for Mt. Clemens Leader Murphy of Tammany Hall started for Mount Clemens, Mich., yesterday afteroon, accompanied by Fire Commissioner Hayes and former Sheriff Tom Dunn-They

HATED DEATH: KILLS HERSELF

PRICE FIVE CENTS.

LAST NIGHT SPENT WRITING FAREWELL LOVE LETTERS.

Mrs. Olivia Gray, New Orleans Octoroon With Some Means, Shoots Herself in the Hotel Imperial-Man Stopped Visiting Her When His Boy Was Drowned-Her Passionate Despair.

Leaving letters behind her which, in addition to evidences of education, reveal mental distress to the last degree pitiable, woman known as "Mrs. J. W. Gray," or "Olivia Gray," an octoroon, shot and killed herself early yesterday morning in a room in the Imperial Hotel which she had been occupying since April 20. The letters were addressed to Charles A. Stoneham, who is a broker in partnership with J. J. Bamberger at 44 Broadway, and who lives at 87 Clerk street, Jorsey City, with his mother, his wife and infant child. Some of these letters were sealed and some of them were left open with a mass of other papers, on the writing desk of the room. The woman apparently spent the greate part of the night in writing her farewell

communications before shooting herself. All the hotel people know about Mrs. Gray is that she went there on the dat? above mentioned, accom anied by a man supposed to be her husband, who registered "J. W. Grav and wife." They were assigned to room 769, on the ninth floor. The woman was good looking, with very dark hair and eyes, and she was apparently about 30 years of age. She was richly but not extravagantly dressed, and she had a good deal of jewelry. The man was younger in appearance than the woman. He had a full, round, smoothshaven face. He was well dressed and had every outward indication of prosperity. Up to Tuesday last he was about the hotel good deal, and he and the woman frequently went out together. Ethel French, the chambermaid, says that on Tuesday she heard "Mr. and Mrs. Gray" quarreling. Gray has not been seen at the hotel since. Mrs. Gray was noticeably depressed and irritable, a condition quite at variance with her usual moods. She had as a rule been so cheerful and kindly that the chambermaid had become much attached to her. On Friday night, however, she seemed composed enough, and sat in the Palm Room until nearly midnight listening to the music. Her letters show that she had then fully determined to commit suicide and had purchased a new revolver for the purposa

HER LAST NIGHT.

It was nearly an hour after sunrise yesterday morning, about 6 o'clock, before Mrs. Gray finished all her preparations for death. From the position in which she was found lying, it is believed she stood before a mirror at the foot of the bed when she fired the pistol. The report was so loud that it was heard not only by a night watchman in the hall below but by several guests. Thomas Powell, the watchman, climbed up and looked over the transom of the room. saw the wom an lying face down on the floor, her right arm stretched out straight from the body and clutched in the right hand a brightly polished nickel plated revolver. He detected a slight movement of the woman's body and saw that she was still alive. He called to her but got no response.

When he communicated with the hotel clerk and the room door was smashed in, Dr. Gilday, the hotel physician, found the flat at 448 West Fifty-third street, fell four woman still alive but unconscious and evidently past all hope of recovery. A .32 caliber bullet had entered the te back of the right eye and had passed through the skull in almost a straight line to the left side, where it lodged. The pistol was brand new. Apparently it had never been fired before. All the chambers were loaded save the one on which the hammer rested and which contained the shell of the recently

discharged cartridge. An ambulance was summoned and the woman was taken to the New York Hospital, where an attempt was made to probe for the bullet, but without result. Mrs.

Gray died five hours later. From the appearance of the hotel room it was evident that the woman had been up the entire night. She was undressed and in her night gown when found, but the bed was entirely undisturbed, showing that she had not even lain down upon it The writing desk was littered with papers and among them were found the open letters which told the story of the woman's desperate frame of mind. One letter, a very thick one and evidently made up of many sheets of note paper, was carefully sealed and addressed to Charles A. Stoneham, 44 Broadway. Across the sealed flap of the envelope, on the side opposite the address, was written in a steady, flowing and very handsome hand:

"I would like this letter to be opened only by the person to whom it is addressed." The other letters, the open ones, were in the nature partly of a farewell to the persons addressed and partly by way of last will and testament, with requests as to the disposition of her body, touching in their tone and all a-quiver with the shuddering dread of what the unfortunate woman was about to do, an act, as she frankly says,

which she dreaded.

The letters, however, were all written in the same steady hand as that on the sealed envelope. The open letter reads as follows:

CHARLIE SWEETHEART: How can you treat me in this way? What have I done? I am half crazy at your treatment of me. I went out this morning, walked about until my feet as well as my heart were sore. And the cross way you talked to me over the telephone and your promises not kept with me! I have been reading over your letters to me, and wonder how you can treat me

this way. Surely a man could not write such letters and not care for a woman, and I have suf-fered in the past for days. How I am now at this moment suffering! God forgive me. Your dear heart, always so good and kind, so forgiving in all things, so different from any man that I have ever known, I just cannot think why you act this way. How can you

I love you better than my life; how I love you; I leve you so much, and to think I have given the love to you. I hate so to die. This morning when I first got up I thought I would kill myself the first thing, and then I said I will try again once more, and when you spoke so cross over the telephone to me I went right away and bought a revolver. I do not know even now how I will have the courage to kill myself, for I was raised in a convent with the good nuns and my religion does not believe in such things. I only made but one mistake with you, if, could call it a mistake. I cannot go on any longer. My heart is too heavy, I ask of those who will look after me when I am gone,

please don't cross my hands. I have a perfect horror of it. again, let me ask that I be put to rest in the